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In re application of:  
Makarov et al.

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For: Obtaining Tandem Mass  
Spectrometry Data for Multiple  
Parent Ions in an Ion Population

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.**